

PREFACE.

"Health is A State Of Complete Physical, Mental and Social Well-being And Not Merely the Absence of Disease or Infirmary" World Health Organization 1948.

This definition has not been amended since 1948, which tells us it is fairly unequivocal and hence an excellent tool by which to measure, and critique the health of of both individual and/or larger society.

and

"Today's nurse - whether in Baltimore, Beirut or Bangkok - is a global nurse. A global nurse is culturally sensitive, collaborative, and knows that conditions ... have no borders ... understands that technology has created a smaller - ? with people in instant contact and eager to share information. A global nurse knows that what happens in one part of the world affects the others. ..." Kelly Brooks & Deborah Wood, "A Global Profession" John Hopkins Magazine (John Hopkins School of Nursing) 10/08/2010.

I hope the above two quotes serve the overarching statement of intent of what follows namely a discourse on health in its truest context and on the role of the nurse as I see it within that "wide context".

The 16th Century we historians define as the beginning of the Modern Era, can be seen as a period that ~~was~~ to usher in both an age of Science ^{and reason} but also that paradoxically gave rise to unprecedented irrationality and human misery.